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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated August 9, 2000, please amend the specification as follows:

**IN THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES:**

Page 9, line 22, after "sequence" insert -- comparison  
of SOM175 (QUERY) protein sequence fragments [SEQ ID NO:4] with  
VEGF<sub>165</sub> (SUBJECT) protein sequence fragments [SEQ ID NO:2]--.

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Page 9, line 24, after "VEGF cDNA" insert --[SEQ ID NO:1]-- after "SOM175 cDNA" insert --[SEQ ID NO:3]--.

Page 9, line 26, after "VEGF<sub>165</sub>" insert --[SEQ ID NO:1]-- after "SOM175" insert --[SEQ ID NO:3]--; after "splice variants" insert --SOM175-e6 [SEQ ID NO:5]; SOM175-e6&7 [SEQ ID NO:7]; SOM175-e4 [SEQ ID NO:9]--.

Page 9, line 29, after "VEGF<sub>165</sub>" insert --[SEQ ID NO:2]--; after "SOM175" insert --[SEQ ID NO:4]--.

Page 10, line 4, after "human SOM175" insert --[SEQ ID NO:15]--.

Page 10, line 8, after "clones" insert --[SEQ ID NOS:16, 17 and 18]--.

Page 10, line 18, after "mVRF<sub>167</sub>" insert --[SEQ ID NO:19]--; after "hVRF<sub>167</sub>" insert --[SEQ ID NO:20]--; after "mVRF<sub>186</sub>" insert --[SEQ ID NO:21]--; after "hVRF<sub>186</sub>" insert --[SEQ ID NO:22]--.

Page 10, line 23, after "mVRF<sub>167</sub>" insert --[SEQ ID NO:19]--; after "mVEGF<sub>188</sub>" insert --[SEQ ID NO:23]--.

After Page 35, please insert the substitute Sequence Listing and renumber the specification and claim pages accordingly.

#### **REMARKS**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(d), applicants have amended the Brief Description of the Figures to provide reference to sequence identifiers and comparisons thereof in Figures 3-11.